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EASTER.

In the spring of the year, the whole face of the earth is a Gospel of Resurrection.

The voice, that goes forth in all lands is: "Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the woods." Coldness, hardness, dreariness, and all the dark drapery of dead winter have passed away as clouds before the rising sun. Clear shining now comes after gentle showers and softens the face of things; and new, bright, fresh, beautiful life is bursting forth everywhere. And verdure and brilliant colors show themselves all over the earth. Old things have passed away, and all things have become new. The world has put on its bridal, festal, resurrection garments. All the works of the Lord, each in its own language, is praising Him. And, strangely, as if sweetly to teach us the beautiful lesson, now we are called on to put in the seed in every "acre of God" in the earth, confident of a sure return. And the song of the sower is: It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. That is the irresistible logic, the chorus of all Nature in the spring and Easter-tide.

But while all these interests are going on in Nature's busy-ground, everything that hath breath is singing its requiem, and blossoms everywhere gleam with smiles of hope, while they comfort our souls with their lifeliving, cheering, fragrance; odors so suggestive of the sweet influence of loved ones, and of the prayers of saints, and of the income and pure offerings that are to go up in every place at the last.

And how dear are the blossoms! They are the sweetness of hope's own self. They are very hopes. They are the explanations of everything human and earthly. They are glorious promises. They live their beautiful day, and fade into more substantial fruit. Our heart weeps their departure, but rejoices in what we know is to come of them.

The burial of the seeds—that have within them the germ of life—the glory and fragrance of the blossom, so soon to fade and pass away—would fill life with gloom but for the instinct and assurance of continuing, and advancing life that God has fixed in us and made a part of our very being. Without teaching or reasoning, or words, we know that our Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms may destroy this body, yet in our flesh we shall see God for ourselves and not another, awakening in His image.

The blossoms, enticing us to their love, teach us deeply to love and purify to enjoy everything beautiful and true and good, assured that it will not go out hopelessly, but pass into something of a lovelier and diviner kind. That which God doeth, it shall be forever. Every stitch from the Divine Weaver remains in perennial freshness in the web of Eternity.

RICHMOND'S POSITION.

In two of our State exchanges we have seen recently suggestions that Richmond's influence are largely responsible for the big State conventions that our party has held of late years. The intimation is that we wish to have a monopoly of furnishing the place for holding State conventions.

No evidence in substantiation of this idea is furnished. It would be much to the point if it were shown that our city's representatives in the State Committee had usually voted for large conventions; but no such evidence is produced.

We assure our friends that they do Richmond an injustice. We made no "fight" for the last convention. We invited the committee to command our services if these were desired and left the matter there. Staunton was selected as the convent city, and so far as we know, no Richmonder has done the slightest "kicking." Remember, too, that the convention held at Staunton was one apportioned upon the same basis as the other large conventions have been. And now, that the time is nearing for our State Committee to choose a convention city again, the position of Richmond is even more conservative than it was last spring.

So far as we know public sentiment

here, there is positively no purpose on the part of our people to "fight" for the honor. What they mean to do is to give hearty assurances that the convention will be welcome here, and leave the rest to the calm judgment of the State Committee. If the committee wishes to hold the convention elsewhere, well and good; no complaint will be heard from us. We could not do less than this without laying ourselves open to the suspicion of being inhospitable.

So far as the basis of representation is concerned, we think it may have been a mistake ever to have begun holding very large conventions. But we have always understood that that was Mr. Barbour's idea; we feel sure the idea did not originate here. However, the custom has been established, and cannot be departed from easily. The subject was elaborately debated at the meeting of the State Committee last spring, and the conclusion was reached that we would better adhere to the existing basis rather than adopt a new one. And this, we cannot but believe, will be the conclusion of the committee this year—unless urgent petitions are sent in, asking that a new basis be adopted.

For our part, we sincerely wish the city and county committees of our party would speak out upon the subject. If a new basis is desired by the people, those committees will surely know it. And if they lodge information to that effect with the State Committee, unquestionably the State Committee will be influenced by it.

We desire to say, also, that while we believe Richmond can offer accommodations for a large convention superior to any that can be offered by any other Virginia city, we do not hold that comfortable accommodations cannot be secured elsewhere. On the contrary, we have repeatedly said that Staunton came to the mark very handsomely last year. What Staunton has done half a dozen other Virginia cities might do.

And this thing is to be remembered, that while the State convention of four years ago was composed of 1,500 delegates, an analogous basis of representation would give us for this year's convention but 1,275 delegates.

IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

As we know, the theory of the evolution of man from the monkey has of late years been greatly discredited. In fact, some two or three years ago one of the greatest scientific bodies in the world practically kicked it out of court. Nevertheless, there are a good many individual "scientists" who have not been at all downed by that vigorous ejectment, and in the last few months there have been greatly encouraged to take the offensive.

This encouragement has its explanation in the discovery somewhere in Java of another "missing link." It is true that a number of the links or bones of the new missing link were missing, but the resources of the evolutionists were equal to the occasion. Partly out of the obscure debris that was unearthed, but more largely by the aid of an enthusiastic imagination that evolved all the missing links necessary, they succeeded in constructing to their entire satisfaction a Simian ancestor. Then they gave this marvelous example of the "art restorative" a name, which as regards length, ponderosity, and unpronounceability, any man who wants to be descended from a monkey, ought to be proud of as a family patronymic.

But to elucidate this overtone. There are monkeys and monkeys, and it is well that this "proof" of the descent of man from the monkey was not discovered sooner; otherwise some people who want to trace back to a Simian ancestry might have been embarrassed and have become desirous of reconstructing their genealogies. Now Boston investigation gives a most valuable tip bearing upon the matter under consideration. It has long been contended that the gorilla and the chimpanzee possessed a higher moral and intellectual development than was the gift of the other Simian tribes. Last week a number of learned men, including Charles Eliot Norton, Professor Royce, Dr. Everett, Professor Peabody, Dean Briggs, Professor James, and Professor Debarre devoted the greater part of the forenoon of several days to investigating the relative intelligence of two "monkeys" from the Boston "Zoo." One of the animals was a chimpanzee and the other an orang-outang. Under the previously-accepted theory of science it was expected that the former would give evidence of the brighter mind. Not so, however, for the advantage was all on the side of the orang-outang. The report of the investigation tells us that the orang-outang—perhaps we ought to say Mr. Orang-Outang—showed grave interest in the efforts of his distinguished hosts to entertain and amuse him. A few minutes of demonstration enabled him to ring an electric-bell as well as anybody, and he seemed to appreciate perfectly that the sound followed the pushing of the button in the relation of effect to cause. The chimpanzee, on the other hand, proved to be unable to reason as far as this, and in several other ways betrayed marked mental inferiority.

In view of the fact that, upon the strength of the Java find, the evolutionists will doubtless return to the charge in full force, the investigation at Boston must be regarded as of the greatest importance. It teaches that if a man wants to be a nineteenth-century development of a monkey, he ought, if he has any family pride, to claim from the orang-outang, and not from the stupid chimpanzee.

IF THEY SHOULD FIGHT.

The Czar of Russia is reported as being in favor of letting Greece and Turkey fight, and the indications are that they will, seeing that, according to a telegram from Constantinople, war has been declared. Perhaps that will be the best and the quickest way of settling not only the Græco-Turkish, but the whole little Eastern question. It is not to be expected that Greece would be able to cope successfully with the force that Turkey could put into the field, and as soon as the Turks began to get very much the better of the conflict, the Powers would have to interfere to prevent further dismemberment of Greece. But it does not follow that the territorial status quo would be preserved, so far as Turkey is concerned. It is not impossible that in the process of interference complications would arise that would force the Powers to settle a decided lopping off of territory from, if not the inevitable partition of Turkey.

For years Austria-Hungary has been longing for and scheming to bring about just such complications. Her object is to secure in the resultant lopping off or partition the domination of Salonica, and a war in which the Powers would have to interfere might afford a golden opportunity for the realization of her ambition.

CHARLIE EPPS.

It is hard to think of City-Sergeant Charles H. Epps as dead. He was a man of towering stature and, when in health, of uncommonly great strength. Nature seemed to have fashioned his body to resist the storms of a century. The employment that had engaged his early manhood had hardened his muscles and seasoned him for his four years' campaigning in the Confederate army.

Neither in the Blues, nor in the Forty-sixth Regiment of Virginia Infantry, to which the Blues belonged, was there any taller man, nor any more cheerful, willing, or courageous soldier than he. His honorable record as a non-commissioned officer and his commanding appearance led to his appointment as the regimental color-bearer. This was a position of ease at all times—except when bullets were flying. Then it was a position in the very midst of danger. So in due course he met with the usual fate of our color-bearers, and was shot down by the enemy. The war ended whilst he was wounded and a prisoner in the hands of the Federals at City Point.

For more than thirty years past the deceased had been prominent in the administration of justice here—first as a captain in the police force, and latterly as City Sergeant. He was an excellent officer. This was the judgment of the Board of Police Commissioners and of the City Council, and of the people generally, pronounced upon many occasions. He had his likings and his prejudices, as most men of his temperament have, but though he often had disagreeable duties to perform, we know of no one who would withhold from him credit for many virtues—among them devotion to friends and country, honesty and courage, courtesy and charity. Indeed, the majesty of the law had no nobler representative here than he.

A part of his official duties as City Sergeant was to have charge of the city jail, and though he insisted upon strict obedience to all rules, we venture to say the prisoners, as a body, looked upon him as their friend and will sincerely mourn their loss.

"Death's pale banner" is now advanced upon his life and cheeks, but we may trust that his last battle was his best, and that he has won a victory, and been accepted by the Great Captain of our Salvation.

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Literary Notes.

The long-delayed "Life of Cardinal Wiseman" is soon to appear. The author, Mr. Wilfrid Ward, who succeeded to the post of biographer on the death of the first appointee, Father Morris, is now revising his final proofs.

Appropos of Captain Mahan's "Life of Nelson," just published, it may be remarked that five different portraits of Lady Hamilton (Nelson's Emma), after Romney and Sir Joshua Reynolds, were sold at auction last week in London.

The Macmillan Company have in preparation a cheaper edition of Miss Kingsley's "Travels in West Africa, Congo, France, Corsica, and Cameroons." This book, whose author is a niece of the Rev. Charles Kingsley, is pronounced by the critics one of the brightest books of travel ever published, and has attracted a great deal of notice. In England it is already in its fifth edition, here its price, \$5.50, has made it move more slowly than will be the case when it is issued in a less costly form.

The Critic says "Isiah-Israel" by George Cossins, could never have been written if Mr. Rider Haggard had not first invented "She." It is after the same order, but it is not constructed with the same skill.

A "Twentieth-Century New Testament" is announced in England. It is described as a translation into modern English, unbiassed by ecclesiastical or theological considerations. The work is done by graduates of the leading universities, who serve without pay or expectation of profit.

Some time ago the Academy published a portrait of Landor, and a few days later received a letter addressed to "Landor" from a photographer, who wanted Landor to sit for them.

The Spring No. of Post Lore presents a most attractive table of contents. All of the departments—"Poetry and Fiction," "Appreciations and Essays," "School of Literature," "Reviews," and "News and Notes"—are unusually full, and up to the standard. This quarterly is published by the Post Lore Company, Boston.

Among the contributors to the last "Chap Book," are Louise Imogen Eglar, Clara Morris, Clara F. Langford, Henry James, and Edwin Pugh. The review department is, as usual, well sustained.

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Long Session of the Circuit Court—Some Interesting Suits.

TAZEWELL, VA., April 17.—(Special.)—Circuit Court is still in session, and from present indications will continue during the third week. Judge Jackson dispatches the business of the court with promptness, and by his smooth and urbane manner, renders himself very acceptable to the bar of this place.

The ejectment suit of the Flat-Top Coal-Land Association against W. G. W. Jaeger was promptly decided in favor of the plaintiff. The defendant has large claims pending in the Federal Court in West Virginia involving the same question. Mr. Flournoy, a prominent lawyer of Charleston, W. Va., was here as associate counsel for Colonel Jaeger.

Judge Bolling, of Wytheville, was here to-day representing the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company, in a chancery suit for partition of land, in which Creek Coal Company et al., in which also arises, or is supposed to arise, a very interesting question as to whether a certain conveyance is an infringement of the rule of law against perpetuities.

The suit now pending before the jury is one by the West Graham Land and Improvement Company against the Virginia Improvement Company, to make the latter contribute \$150 as a stockholder for the payment of debt.

There will be no County Court next week, on account of the extended session of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Hobart Miller, a prominent lawyer of Coeburn, Va., is here to argue a case against the Clinch Valley Coal Company. Miss Jessie O'Keefe, who has been attending Sullivan's College at Bristol, returned home this week, on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. James O'Keefe.

Wytheville Jottings.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., April 17.—(Special.)—In the County Court the jury in the case of the Commonwealth vs. B. H. Neff, the proprietor and owner of Hotel Alamo, at Rural Retreat, for selling liquor without a license, rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at \$100 fine. Mr. Neff is one of the best known law-abiding citizens in this section. Miss Gruzeon Williams has returned from a visit of some months to friends in Texas.

Major George R. Dunn has commenced the erection of a handsome residence, on Church street, here. Dr. C. W. Gleaves is building an addition to his property on Fourth avenue. Though Sheriff Harkrader is able to drive out, he is yet quite an invalid.

The Westminster League.

There will be a mass-meeting of the young people of the Presbyterian churches of this city and Manchester at the Grace-Street Presbyterian church at this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The object of this meeting is to learn more of the practical workings of the Westminster League, which has been endorsed by the General Assembly, and to this end there will be short, pointed addresses by Rev. C. H. Hyde, Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., and Rev. C. M. Chumbley.

There will be other attractive features in the programme and a very enthusiastic meeting is expected.

Catholic Church News.

Pontifical high mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Waters, and at the end of the mass the Bishop will give the papal benediction, which carries with it a plenary indulgence.

The promoters of the Sacred Heart League will meet in the basement of the Cathedral after vespers to-day.

There will be mass every day this week for the Community Band, which numbers eighty members. There will be a spiritual recital Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

To Aid Men's Memorial Church.

The Easter bazaar to be given under the auspices of the ladies of Men's Memorial church, in Harrisburg, Pa., will be a most successful one, as it promises to be as delightful as it will be successful.

The three booths will be presided over by Mesdames O'Brien, Owen, Valen, and Ingram, who will be assisted by Richmond ladies.

There will be a Japanese tea-garden and an ice-cream saloon. Entertainment will be given each evening by local talent. Mrs. J. A. Kratz is president of the bazaar.

A Market Man's Complaint.

Mr. Frederick Butze, a farmer of Henrico county, has framed a protest, which will be submitted to the City Council at its next meeting. The petitioner complains against loading in the Second Market. He rents a stall near the entrance to the station-house and states that the crowd that gathers to see prisoners taken in and out drives his customers elsewhere.

Arrested and Bailed.

Messrs. W. H. Gooch and B. Royster, of Mecklenburg county, who were indicted at the recent term of the United States District Court for selling liquor without license, were arrested on Friday and admitted to bail by Commissioner Pigeonheart yesterday in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Settled With the Mutual.

The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland has, through its Richmond agents, Messrs. J. B. Moore & Co., paid to the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia the sum of \$5,000 due on the bond of the late secretary, F. D. Steger.

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March 8, 1897.

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Men's Clay Worsted Coats and Vests.....	\$ 6.00	Boys' Suits, ages 14 to 19 years, all wool.....	\$4.00
Men's All-Wool Suits.....	5.00	Boys' Fancy Worsted Suits, all wool.....	5.00
Men's Overshot Plaid Suits.....	6.50	Boys' Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, all wool.....	6.00
Men's Imported Cheviot Suits.....	7.50	Children's Suits, 4 to 15 years.....	2.00
Men's Clay Diagonal Sack or Cutaway Suits.....	8.50	Children's Blue and Black Cheviots, all wool.....	1.00
Men's Fancy Cassimere Suits.....	10.00	Children's Fancy Plaids, all wool.....	1.00
Men's Working Pants.....	90	Men's All-Wool Sweaters, sailor collars.....	1.00
Men's Imported Worsted Pants.....	3.50	Men's Alpine and Derby Hats.....	1.00